

**HB - 5992**

**Testimony before the Public Health Committee**

**H.B. 5992**

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My name is Kristen Tierney; I'm a lifelong caregiver of a non-custodial family member. I represent caregivers through my business Turtles & Lemonade.

I'm here today to speak in opposition of Bill 5992

**H.B. No. 5992 An act concerning the treatment of persons with psychiatric disabilities:** I oppose this Bill as written yet would support it if it applied to all medical conditions. HIPAA has truly hindered loved ones, like myself, from helping those in crisis, especially with respect to aftercare. There is no basis or need to single out one demographic through this Bill. Therefore, I strongly oppose it as it stands.

I appreciate your serious consideration of these matters as presented. We all want what's best for our children and state.